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1. This International Searching Authority

(i) considers that there are 4 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~XXXXX~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated on the extra sheet:

(i) has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
see annex.

(ii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent which, additional fees are paid.

2. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

EUR 1.550,00 x 3 = EUR 4.650
Fee per additional invention number of additional inventions total amount of additional fees

Or, _____ x _____ = _____

3. Claim(s) Nos. _____, have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-5,7-9,21

determining access rights to trusted dictionary

2. claim: 6

using security chip

3. claims: 10-11

handling copy-protected media

4. claims: 12-20

designing and debugging application

The application lacks unity within the meaning of Article 17 (3)(a) PCT for the following reason:

The single general concept linking together the claims 1-11; 12-20 is a method for running a tamper-resistant application in a trusted environment.

This concept is generally known in the prior art.

Furthermore, the single general concept linking together the claims 1-5, 7-9, 21; 6; 10-11 is that the method comprises all features listed in claim 1.

But, a method comprising all these features is known in the prior art, e.g. from a UNIX workstation running JAVA, see SCOTT OAKS: "JAVA SECURITY", ISBN 0-596-00157-6 (citations refer to this document):

- defining a trusted virtual machine environment (a JAVA virtual machine provides security and is therefore to be trusted)
- that contains a trusted dictionary for protecting data (the file system, using the UNIX permission system and the security manager of JAVA, is already a trusted dictionary. Furthermore, databases are commonly used to further extend the functionality, if needed)
- verifying the integrity of the application (commonly done with signed classes, see pg. 272)

- if the application is tampered with, the trusted virtual machine environment prevents the application from accessing secrets in the trusted dictionary, thus disabling the normal operation of the application (see also pg. 272, 273)

Therefore the single general concept is not new and not inventive, contrary to Rule 13.1 PCT.

The special technical features of the groups of claims over said prior art are:

1. determining access rights to trusted dictionary

2. using security chip
3. handling copy-protected media
4. designing and debugging application

It is clear that there is no technical relationship among these technical features, contrary to Rule 13.2 PCT

Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

International Application No
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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.
see 'Invitation to pay additional fees'
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.

3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.

4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	SCOTT OAKS: "java security" May 2001 (2001-05), O'REILLY, SEBASTOPOL, CA95472, XP002321663 page 261 - page 287 page 309 - page 310	1-5,7-9, 21
A	US 2002/184520 A1 (BUSH WILLIAM R ET AL) 5 December 2002 (2002-12-05) abstract	1-5,7-9, 21
A	EP 0 875 814 A (SONY CORPORATION) 4 November 1998 (1998-11-04) abstract	1-5,7-9, 21
A	US 2003/135746 A1 (ABBOTT PAUL HARRY ET AL) 17 July 2003 (2003-07-17) abstract	1-5,7-9, 21

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Patent Family Annex

Information on patent family members

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